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JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS OF MISS.

Gets The Longest Filibuster On Record.

His Precarious Leadership of the Democratic Minority Put To The Test

Washington, May 28.—Hon. John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, leader of the Democratic minority in the House of Representatives, has the proud distinction of being the champion of all filibusters. No other obstructionist in the history of the American Congress ever gave the dominant party so much trouble and discomfiture. It is estimated that since Mr. Williams started his plan to embarrass the Republicans twenty-eight full legislative days have been consumed in filibustering.

Mr. Williams has forced the House to take close on to 200 'roll calls which would not have been taken under ordinary circumstances, and which accomplished no purpose other than to consume time. Each roll-call requires about forty minutes, and the average legislative day is five hours. You can easily figure it out for yourself how many days have been spent in talking the roll.

These figures are interesting, but much more interesting is the fact that the Democratic membership stood by Williams through all the weary days of the filibuster, though Democrats were just as anxious as Republicans to get away from Washington. Few people believed Williams would be able to do it. Democrats do not take readily to rigid discipline, but in the instance they stood to their guns without a break in the ranks. The thing grows still more remarkable when it is recalled that on several occasions in the past the minority has been on the verge of revolt against Williams' leadership and that the leader is hardly on speaking terms with some of his colleagues.

The bitterness against Williams manifested itself early in the session in the first fight between Williams and Judge David A. DeArmond, of Missouri. Had it not been for the fact that Williams has been elected to the Senate and that this is his last Congress as a member of the House, it is entirely probable a movement would have been organized to attempt his overthrow. This, now past history, is not recalled to the disparagement of Mr. Williams, but because it makes all the more remarkable his feat in holding the minority firm for the long filibusters against the personal inclinations of many Democrats and to the actual harm of no inconsiderable number of them.

Certainly it has disclosed in Mr. Williams qualities of leadership which were not brought out in his more tranquil days at the head of the House minority.

The session, by the way has been rather prolific in revolts none of which has come to any serious issue. The Democrats had theirs at the beginning of the session and the Republicans toward the end.

The managers of the Republican revolution, which fizzled, however, promise big doings when Congress reconvenes next December. They declare that party considerations restrained them from making too big a rumpus on the eve of the election but that there has got to be a showdown after the election is over. They allege that in holding the House to the legislative program they did the Republican leaders did not truly represent the dominant sentiment among House Republicans; but that the leaders had the machinery in their hands and to have upset it at this time would have been to invite party disaster. They contend there should have been compromise; that they should not have been required to make all the sacrifices for the sake of party harmony. And there is a steady glitter in their eyes when they declare there will be a reckoning after the election.

A piece of legislation which slipped through Congress without attracting more than passing attention may mean a great deal for American commerce. In the postoffice appropriation bill the amount which the government may pay for the transportation of foreign mails was increased by more than a billion dollars, and there was a provision that part of this

money be used for subsidizing lines plying to South American ports.

As a matter of fact, it is a case of whipping the ship subsidy devil around the stump, because the amount for South American mails is a subsidy pure and simple, even if it is tucked away in the postoffice appropriation bill as compensation for carrying the mails. The amendment which prevailed was offered by Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, one of the most ardent champions of subsidy in either House of Congress.

This small beginning was the result of compromise between the advocates and the opponents of ship subsidies. It was agreed this experiment in a small way should be made. If it proves all that has been claimed for subsidized shipping, there will be other appropriations. If it fails, the subsidy advocates might as well go buy the moon.

Day Verdict Is Reversed by Court of Appeals.

Frankfort, Ky., May 22.—The case of Walter Day, former State Treasurer, against the Commonwealth was reversed by the Court of Appeals to-day in an opinion written by Judge Lansing.

Day was found guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses in a judgment of the Perry Circuit Court and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. He was indicted for signing the name of Floyd Day to a note and securing money on the note from the Hazard bank.

JUDGE BIRKHEAD SIDESTEPS SAUNDERS CASE

Plaintiff Forced to Amend His Petition Stating Who he Bet With.

The case of B. F. Saunders the earnest campaign orator of Hartford who began suit last November to recover money bet on the election and which was later appealed to Circuit Court has come into the lime light again. This time it attracts attention by reason of the fact that Judge Birkhead refuses to preside in a trial of the case and the further fact that Saunders has been compelled by the court's ruling to amend his petition stating whom the money was wagered with.

It will be remembered that E. E. Birkhead was the stake holder and it is against him that Saunders seeks to recover \$500 wagered. The amended petition discloses the fact that attorney S. A. Anderson of Hartford agent for Ed Taylor placed the money (\$25.) against Saunders \$50.

It will now be necessary to appoint a special judge to try the case unless the parties in interest can agree upon some one to try it.

The petition as amended in part is as follows:

After setting out how an election was held at which S. W. Hager and Augustus E. Willson were contending candidates for the office of Governor, the petition concludes as follows:

He states that, on the — day of November, 1907, and proceeding said election day, this plaintiff and S. A. Anderson agent for Ed Taylor made a bet or wager on the result of said gubernatorial election. Plaintiff says that he bet put up and placed in the hands of the defendant Birkhead, as stakeholder the sum of \$50 and that, against this sum, the said Anderson agent for Taylor bet put up and placed in the hands of the aforesaid defendant, as stakeholder, the sum of \$25. He says that it was agreed at the time of making the said bet, between this plaintiff and the said Anderson agent for Taylor and the said defendant, as stakeholder, was so instructed that if the said S. W. Hager should be elected governor the amount of the said sums of money, to-wit \$75.00, so placed in the hands of the said defendant, should be turned over or paid to this plaintiff and that if Augustus E. Willson should be elected governor, the said \$75.00 should be paid or turned over to the said Anderson Agent for Taylor.

Pleading further, plaintiff says that on the — day of November, 1907 and at numerous times thereafter while the aforesaid sum of \$50 remained in the hands of the said defendant, as stakeholder, he went to him and instructed him not to turn over the said \$50 to the said Anderson agent for Taylor and then and there requested and demanded of said defendant to return same to this plaintiff, which the defendant wrongfully and unlawfully failed and refused and still refuses to do.

LABEL SUITS ARE ADJUSTED

Woodward and DeWeese Consent to Dismissal of Cases

Upon Messenger's Publishing Complete Retraction and Paying Cost.

The libel suits filed in the Ohio Circuit Court by Supt. James M. DeWeese and County Attorney E. M. Woodward sometime in the early part of 1906 against the Owensboro Messenger for alleged libelous matter published by that paper concerning Woodward and DeWeese growing out of the suicide of Miss Prudie Ford have been adjusted by the parties and will go off the docket at the present term of court.

The Woodward case was tried more than a year ago and the jury awarded him \$2,500 damages. A motion was made by the Messenger Co. for a new trial, and after many months of consideration Judge Birkhead awarded the defendant a new trial.

At the present term of Court the Messenger Company made a motion to change the case to some other county for trial but the adjustment came before Judge Birkhead ruled on the motion.

The basis of adjustment is the publication by the Messenger of a complete and full retraction of the libelous article complained of, and the payment of all the cost. The retraction which the Messenger agrees to and has published it as follows:

"In the matter of a reference in this newspaper in its issue of March 25, 1906, concerning Messrs. E. M. Woodward and Jas. M. DeWeese, Hartford, concerning which a suit has been pending in the Ohio Circuit Court in favor of each of these gentlemen against the Messenger, this paper, after a hearing of the whole matter was had upon a trial of the case in court, is convinced that a mistake was made in the apparent connection of Messrs. Woodward and DeWeese with the unfortunate incidents leading up to the suicide of Miss Prudie Ford. We desire now to state that anything in said article or in any publication in this paper which seemed to reflect in any way upon the conduct of Messrs. Woodward and DeWeese in that matter was not authorized by the facts and in truth they were wholly blameless and treated the unfortunate girl with perfect kindness.

In the hurry and great amount of work incident to getting out a daily newspaper such mistakes sometimes creep into its columns. When this occurs it is always matter of regret and this paper is glad to make proper and timely correction."

NO PROSPECT OF AN EARLY DECISION

Governor Willson Still Struggling With Powers and Howard Cases

Frankfort, Ky., May 23.—No decision in the Powers and Howard cases will be made by the Governor for several days or, perhaps, longer. It had been thought by some persons that the Governor would announce his decision to-day, but the reason for this was that the Governor had said, before he went to Washington, that he would decide the cases not later than May 23. The Governor concluded, however, just before he caught the train for Louisville the afternoon he started for Washington that it would not do to announce any maximum period for his decision and he decided not to place any limit on the time which he would allow himself. His change of plans was not generally known and the original statement gave rise to the report that the decision would be made on May 23 or sooner.

The Governor to-day gave out an official announcement in which he said that no more applications for pardons or remissions would be considered until after the Powers and Howard cases have been settled. The official announcement is as follows:

"Gov. Willson wishes notice given that no applications for pardon, remission or executive clemency in any

form, except in the most extreme cases, will be considered until after the decision of the Powers and Howard cases. This notice is given because day after day people reach Frankfort, coming from a distance, with matters which only take a few minutes, but each day is used up in these matters, which must take their turn and wait until the pending cases are decided."

This means that the decision may be delayed for more than a week, as it is taken to mean that there is to be delay. If a decision was to be given soon there would be no need for making any announcement about applications for pardons in other cases. The Governor is still digging away at the records in the two cases.

Kelley-Barnes Invitations.

Cards are out announcing the coming marriage of Miss Bessie Delilah Barnes to Mr. Daniel M. Kelley. The happy event will take place at the M. E. Church South, Beaver Dam, at 2 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, June 10. Miss Barnes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Barnes, and is one of the most popular young ladies of Beaver Dam. She is cultured and refined and quite beautiful and one of the first families of the county. Mr. Kelley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kelley, of Greenville, Ky. He is a native of Ohio county having spent his boyhood at McHenry, where his parents formerly lived. Mr. Kelley is an expert electrician and holds a responsible position as such. He is a most promising and popular young man.

OFFER OF \$10,000 FOR COMPROMISE

Probably Will Be Accepted In Hollowell Night Rider Cases.

Paducah, Ky., May 23.—A compromise in the Hollowell night rider damage suits has been agreed on and Attorney John G. Miller, chief counsel for the plaintiffs, is in Evansville to-day to confer with his clients. It is reported he will recommend a settlement. The twenty-nine defendants offer to pay the plaintiff \$10,000 and all costs. Robert H. Hollowell in the United States Court received a verdict for \$35,000, his wife and son have suits pending for \$75,000, but the compromise covers all. The reason Attorney Miller will recommend a settlement at the figures named is because there is doubt if more than \$10,000 could be made out of the defendants.

Deputy Marshal Elwood Neal, who has been in Caldwell county serving attachments and writ of capias, reported to Attorney Miller that he found but nine defendants who owned property and it was heavily mortgaged. They are: G. G. Brown, W. S. Larkins, Malachi Pickering, T. G. Lacy, J. E. Hollowell, J. W. Cantrill, F. M. Brown, J. W. Hollowell and Urely Lacy. Their property is mortgaged for \$18,831. As soon as the Deputy Marshal reported these facts to Attorney Miller the latter instructed him to defer further action until Monday. All of the defendants are ready to come to Paducah and go to jail for ten days, after which they can take the insolvent debtor's oath.

Later, the compromise was made on above basis.

Miss Rowe Honored.

Miss Edwina Rowe, who is a student at the University of Illinois, at Champaign, Ill., was highly honored at the annual May day exercises. She was first chosen to assist the president of the graduating class in leading the opening exercises of the chosen May celebration. She was then chosen May queen by the students of the school. Three hundred young women participated in the crowning of the queen.

The University of Illinois is a co-educational school with an enrollment of 3,000 students and the exercises of the school every May are very prominent.

Miss Rowe is expected to return home about June 12. She will accept a position to teach in the fall, either in New York City or Atlantic City.—Owensboro Messenger.

U. C. V. Reunion Birmingham Ala.

For above occasion tickets will be sold to Birmingham Ala., for \$6.00 round trip from Beaver Dam, on June 6 to 8. Limited to June 20, for return. J. E. WILLIAMS, Agent.

FIRES BLANK CARTRIDGES AT TAFT

Bryan Falls Into His Own Pit-Fall.

Taft Had Outdistanced Him In Efforts For Good Law.

A few days ago candidate Bryan thought he would place Secretary Taft in an embarrassing position by appealing to him to join in an appeal to Congress to pass the bill requiring publicity of campaign contributions before election. It transpires that Mr. Taft had done this very thing almost a month before Bryan had thought about it. Now, no doubt Mr. Bryan wishes some one would take him out to the woodshed and administer the kicking which he has coming to him.

Following is the telegram from Bryan to Taft and his letter in reply:

"I beg to suggest that as leading candidates in our respective parties we join in asking Congress to pass a bill requiring publication of campaign contributions prior to election. If you think best we can ask other candidates to unite with us in the request."

W. J. BRYAN.

"The Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb. Your telegram received. On April 30 last I sent the following letter to Senator Burrows, the chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections:

"My Dear Mr. Burrows: I sincerely believe that it would greatly tend to the absence of corruption in politics if the expenditures for nomination and election of all candidates and all contributions received and expenditure made by political committees could be made public, both in respect to State and national politics. For that reason I am strongly in favor of the passage of the bill which is now pending in the Senate and House bringing about this result so far as national politics is concerned. I make this letter personal, because I am anxious to avoid assuming an attitude in the campaign which it is quite possible I shall never have the right to assume but so far as my personal influence is concerned, I am anxious to give it for the passage of the bill. Very sincerely yours, W. H. TAFT."

"Since writing the above in answer to inquiry, I have said publicly that I hoped such a bill would pass."

W. H. TAFT."

MONUMENT TO LATE SENATOR M. A. HANNA

Dedicated in Presence of Many Thousands—Address By General Griggs

Cleveland, Ohio, May 23.—A monument in memory of the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna was dedicated here this afternoon in the presence of many distinguished guests and thousands of spectators.

The oration was delivered by John W. Griggs, former United States Attorney General. Vice President Fairbanks was to have presided, but he was unable to attend. His place was filled by ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick, Secretary Taft and President Hadley, of Yale College, and Gov. Harris and staff were among the guests.

The monument was dedicated on its temporary site in Wade Park. Later it will be moved down town and placed in the hall being built in connection. The statue is bronze and was designed by St. Gaudens. The figure is eight feet high. The pedestal, designed by Henry Bacon of New York adds twelve feet to the height. It is of granite. The statue was unveiled by Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick and Mrs. Mabel Hanna Parsons, daughters of the late Senator.

In his address Mr. Griggs said in part:

"The State of Ohio glories in a long roll of illustrious names of sons of hers who have won fame for themselves and never dying honor for their State. High upon that roll, where are written the names of Presidents of the republic, of great soldiers, of statesmen and jurists, of financiers and philanthropists, stands the name

of Marcus Alonzo Hanna, in whose honor this monument is raised and dedicated this day. For his countrymen of this generation, who know his work and his worth, no monument is needed to remind them of his pre-eminent services to the nation. Before he died they knew and honored and appreciated, and they have not forgotten and will not forget. But in the days that are beyond, when other feet shall tread these paths and other eyes shall read his name upon this monument, it will serve to recall a great leader and an ideal citizen. If some inquirer in after days shall ask, Why is there a monument to Senator Hanna? it shall be answered: Because he filled all the ideals of an American from youth to the day he died, rising step by step to the highest plane of usefulness in the service of his country; because as a businessman man he was successful in business by honorable methods alone; because, as a prosperous man he was not proud; because, as a friend, he was loyal and true-hearted; because as a leader of men he was wise, yet unselfish; because, as an employer of labor he had a genuine and heartfelt sympathy with his employees, and, more broadly, with all who toil; because he was a man among men; because, in many and varied capacities—merchant, manufacturer, capitalist, political leader and Senator in Congress, he was an ideal American citizen."

HARGIS' CASE FOR TRIAL JUNE 1.

John Abner's Trial For the Murder of Jim Crockrill Same Day.

Jackson, Ky., May 23.—Circuit Court convenes here Monday and the number of sensational cases to be tried is an indication that the term will be the most notable in the history of Breathitt county.

The case which will attract most attention is the prosecution against Beech Hargis the slayer of his father, Judge James Hargis, who himself was on trial at Lexington for murder one year ago.

The youthful murdered has been in the county jail ever since he killed his father. Everything that money and skill can accomplish will be done in an effort to secure the prisoner's freedom. His devoted mother visits his cell nightly, and has been in daily consultation with his attorneys for several weeks. She announces that she will spend every cent of her fortune in the defense of her boy. The trial of young Hargis will begin June 1.

Next in prominence is the case against John Abner charged with the assassination of Town Marshal James Crockrill, who was shot from a second story window of the court house while standing on Main street, in August, 1902. He was tried last March by Special Judge W. H. Holt, but the jury failed to agree upon a verdict. The case will be called on June 8.

The prosecution against former State Treasurer W. R. Day on the charge of forging the name of his uncle, Floyd Day, to a \$5,000 note, is also set for trial during the coming term. The case was tried at last term of court and resulted in a hung jury. The defendant is now in jail at Hazard, where he was convicted last March on a similar charge. The Court of Appeals granted a new trial in this case. Day is a first cousin of Beech Hargis.

Powers-Allen Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Eva Allen and Mr. A. D. Powers took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Florence Allen, Wednesday evening May 20, at 8 o'clock, in the presence of a select few of their relatives and friends, the Rev. Baughn officiating.

Miss Mary Bell Jones acted as maid of honor and Mr. Willie Hinton, as best man.

The bride was tastefully attired in white and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The bride's-maid also wore white and carried pink roses.

It was a beautiful and impressive ceremony. The bride is an accomplished and lovable young lady and has a host of friends.

Mr. Powers is a prosperous young farmer.

The young couple have the best wishes of their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Powers will make their future home at Sunnydale.